Summary Information

Title: Kenneth Nelson Collection
Collection Number: 2026:011
Creator: Kenneth Nelson
Collection Dates: 1976-1982, undated
Extent: .5 cubic feet (1 box)
Language: English

Collection Abstract: Kenneth Nelson was born on April 14, 1915, to Ora Doolittle Nelson and Frederick Noel Nelson. Over a forty-eight year career with the Temple Family, Kenneth worked his way to the top of their lumber company, eventually reaching Vice President of the forestry Division of Temple-Inland before retirement. This collection contains company histories, correspondence, and chronologies from various lumber and forestry companies and organizations he worked with during his career from 1976-1982, undated.

Repository:

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Author/Processing Information: This collection was process by Zach Tarrant in October 2026.

Revision History:

Biographical/Historical Note: Kenneth Nelson was born on April 14, 1915, in Diboll, to Ora Doolittle Nelson and Frederick Noel Nelson. In 1932, after graduating from Lufkin High School, employment began with the Southern Pine Lumber Company. During the 1940s, he married Carrie Virginia Hays. Over a forty-eight year career with the Temple Family, Kenneth worked his way to the top, eventually reaching Vice President of the forestry Division of Temple-Inland before retirement. Outside of the lumber industry, Kenneth's involvement in forestry included membership in the Society of American, Foresters, Texas Surveyors Association, Texas Public Surveyors, and board of trustee member of the Texas Forestry Museum. He died on November 10, 1992.

Collection Scope and Content: This collection contains company histories, correspondence, and chronologies from various lumber and forestry companies and organizations he worked with during his career from 1976-1982, undated.

Arrangement: This collection is arranged at the folder level.

Subject Terms

Topics

- Forestry

Corporate Names

- Champion International Corporation
- Kirby Forest Industries Inc.
- Owens-Illinois Inc.
- St. Regis Paper Company
- Texas Society of American Foresters
- Southwestern Settlement and Development Company
- U. S. Forest Service
- Southern Pine Lumber Company
- Temple Lumber Company
- Temple Industries
- Temple-Eastex Inc.

Personal Names

- Nelson, Kenneth
- Young, Bobby
- Folweiler, Al
- Walker, Charles “Boo”

Genres

- Company Chronologies
- Correspondence

Locations

- Diboll, Texas
- Harris County, Texas
- Jasper, Texas
- Lufkin, Texas
- East Texas

Access and Use

Access Restrictions: none
Acquisition Information: The collection was received by The History Center on April 27, 2026.
Custodial History: The collection materials previously belonged to Kenneth Nelson. His daughter, Carol Nelson Shaw, donated the materials to The History Center on April 27, 2026. Her son Chris dropped them off.
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Related Material: Edwin Nelson Collection (1991:004), Kenneth Nelson Interview 75a August 17, 1985

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Collection Inventory

Box 1

Folder 1	Texas Forestry History Chronologies, 1976-1982
Folder 2	Champion International Corporation Chronology, 1980
Folder 3	Kirby Forest Industries Inc. Chronology, 1980
Folder 4	Owens-Illinois Inc. History, ca. 1980s
Folder 5	International Paper Company Chronology, 1981
Folder 6	Louisiana Pacific Corporation Chronology, 1981
Folder 7	St. Regis Paper Company Chronology, 1981
Folder 8	Forest History Committee, Texas Society of American Foresters, Correspondence, 1981-1985
Folder 9	Temple Family Forest History Chronologies, 1982
Folder 10	Prairie States Forestry Project (Great Plains Shelterbelt Project) History, undated
Folder 11	Southwestern Settlement and Development Company Chronology, undated